

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A switching device provided with a neutral conductor and arranged for opening and closing an electric circuit, the switching device comprising a frame (2), through which the electric circuit's neutral conductor (4) having a first end (6) and a second end (8) passes, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the neutral conductor (4) comprises a movable middle portion (10) that is arranged for breaking the neutral conductor (4) inside the frame (2), the movable middle portion (10) being movable with respect to the first (6) and the second (8) end of the neutral conductor (4) and located between them.

2. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising pressing means (16) for pressing the movable middle portion (10) against the first (6) and the second (8) end of the neutral conductor (4).

3. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pressing means (16) comprise one screw member (18) per each end of the movable middle portion (10), each screw member

(18) comprising a threaded portion and a head portion and the diameter of the head portion being larger than that of the threaded portion.

4. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the movable middle portion (10) comprises a slot (20, 22) at its first end (12) and at its second end (14), each slot (20, 22) forming an opening extending through the middle portion (10), ~~and that~~ wherein the threaded portions of the screw members (18) are arranged to pass through the movable middle portion (10) via the slots (20, 22).

5. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one end of the slot (20) at the first end (12) of the movable middle portion (10) is open.

6. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the slot (22) at the second end (14) of the movable middle portion (10) is so long that the neutral conductor (4) can be broken by loosening the screw members (18) and by sliding the movable middle portion (10) along the surface of the first (6) and the second (8) end of the neutral conductor towards the second end (8) of the neutral conductor until the movable middle portion (10) reaches a position where it is not in a conductive contact with the first end (6) of the neutral conductor (4).

7. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the movable middle portion (10) comprises a portion (24) which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to the plane in which the first (12) and the second end (14) of the movable middle portion (10) are located.

8. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device and ~~that~~ wherein the neutral conductor (4) is located in a control device module.

9. (New) A switching device according to claim 2, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to the plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

10. (New) A switching device according to claim 3, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to the plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

11. (New) A switching device according to claim 4, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane

with respect to the plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

12. (New) A switching device according to claim 5, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to the plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

13. (New) A switching device according to claim 6, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to the plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

14. (New) A switching device according to claim 2, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device and wherein the neutral conductor is located in a control device module.

15. (New) A switching device according to claim 3, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device and wherein the neutral conductor is located in a control device module.

16. (New) A switching device according to claim 4, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device and wherein the neutral conductor is located in a control device module.

17. (New) A switching device according to claim 5, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device and wherein the neutral conductor is located in a control device module.

18. (New) A switching device according to claim 6, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device and wherein the neutral conductor is located in a control device module.

19. (New) A switching device according to claim 7, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device and wherein the neutral conductor is located in a control device module.